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## EDUCATION: THE CANTERBURY COLLEGE

(PAPERS RELATING TO).  
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### ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of Canterbury College held on Monday, the 13th July, 1896, the Chairman's statement of the progress made and the work done in the several departments during the year was read, as follows:—

#### THE COLLEGE.

At the first ordinary meeting of the Board held during the past year, on the 29th July, the proceedings came to an abrupt conclusion in consequence of the sudden death of Mr. J. V. Colborne-Veel at the meeting, during the progress of an important debate in which he had just taken part. For nearly twenty years he had assisted in the deliberations of the Board. At the election by the graduates "continuing on the books of the College," held on the 19th October, to fill the vacant seat, Mr. John Lee Scott was elected. During the period under review, Mr. Edward Jermyn Mathew, M.A., of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, has been appointed to the chair of English literature and history. In March, at the beginning of the session, he entered upon the duties of the position. The thanks of the Board have been given to the members of the Commission in England who kindly accepted the responsibility of selecting a candidate to fill the position so long and ably held by Mr. J. Macmillan Brown. The financial position of various departments under the control of the Board has been prejudicially affected by the low rate of interest on capital now current throughout the colonies, and the diminished rents obtainable from pastoral reserves, the severe snowstorms experienced during the winter of 1895 having occasioned heavy loss of stock throughout the district. The number of matriculated and non-matriculated students who have attended lectures during the academic year from March to November, 1895, is as follows: Matriculated, 177; non-matriculated, 130: total, 307.

The number of students attending each lecture during the last term was as follows:—

*Classics.*—Pass Latin: Translation, 28; composition, 41. Greek: Translation, 3; composition, 3. Honours Latin: Translation, 6; composition, 7.

*English Literature.*—Pass lectures: George Eliot ("Romola"), 50; Shakespeare ("King Lear," "The Tempest"), 47; composition, 19; literature (Reign of Elizabeth), 52; philology, 42. Honours lectures: George Eliot ("Middlemarch"), 6; Shakespeare ("Cymbeline," "Winter's Tale"), 8; philology, 10; literature (Reign of Elizabeth), 5.

*History.*—(Accession of Charles I. to 1688), 34.

*Political Economy.*—19.

*Mathematics.*—Pass lectures: Pure mathematics, 29; mechanics and hydrostatics, 17. Honours lectures: Section I., 4; Section II., 4; Section III., 1; Section IV., 2; elementary mechanics and hydrostatics, 6.

*Chemistry and Physics.*—Pass chemistry, 14; honours chemistry (organic), 2; chemical physics, 5; pass physics, 13; physics (problems), 6; honours physics, 1; practical chemistry (junior and pass), 27; practical physics (junior and pass), 20; practical physics and chemistry (honours and research), 1.

*Geology.*—Junior, 3; senior, 2.

*Biology.*—General biology (Part I.), 10; botany (Part I.), 14; pass zoology (Part I.), 8; honours zoology (Part II.), 6. Laboratory work: General biology (Part I.), 8; botany (Part II.), 5; botany (Part I.), 14; zoology (Part I.), 7; zoology (Part II.), 6.

*French.*—Pass lectures: Composition, 34; authors, 27; grammar, 23; literature, 25. Honours lectures: Composition, 5; authors, 7; essay and literature, 7; philology, 10; literature, 8.

*German.*—2.

*Jurisprudence and Law.*—Pass jurisprudence, 15; honours jurisprudence, 7; constitutional history, 17; LL.B. (2nd section), 6; LL.B. (3rd section), 5.

*Music.*—Rudiments of music and harmony (first-year students), 10; harmony (intermediate second-year students), 17; harmony (intermediate third-year students), 8; harmony (intermediate third-year students, evening class), 4.

*Successful Students.*—Seven students from the College have this year obtained the degree of M.A. G. J. Lancaster gained at the same time first-class honours in mathematics and first-